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### Dear General Lepers

This will acknowledge receipt of your memorandum dated 22 September, 195k, forwarding the United Etates Haval Radiological Defense Laboratory proposal for a radiological survey of the atolls of Rongelap and other atolls in the Marshall Islands. This proposal, dated July 6, 195k, was developed prior to the July 12 and 13 meetings here in Washington, at which time the Division of Biology and Medicine met with representatives of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, Maval Radiological Defense Laboratory, Maval Medical Research Institute, and the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, to discuss future studies of these atolls, both medical and radiological.

Since this meeting informal discussions concerning future plans have been held between the Division of Biology and Medicine, Dr. Donaldson of the University of Washington Applied Fisheries Laboratory, whe, as you know, has a continuing program of study at the Pacific Proving Ground, and the Haval Radiological Defense Laboratory. A final discussion of the requirements for the resurvey of the atolls and the best utilisation of the talents and manpower available from both groups took place October 25 at Hunter's Point,

#### Present were:

Dr. L. Donaldson, University of Washington, Applied Fisheries Laboratory

# Haval Radiological Defense Laboratory

Dr. P. C. Tompkins, Scientific Director

Dr. E. P. Cooper, Associate Scientific Director

# Chemical Technology Division

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Dr. C. L. Dunham, Deputy Director, Division of Biology and Medicine

It was agreed that a task group of four scientists from MRDL would meet on or about December 5 with one representative of Dr. Donaldson's group, at Kwajalein, and proceed to make general radiological resurveys of the following atolls:

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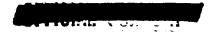
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ending at Rongelap on or about December 12, where Dr. Donaldson, with three others of his group, would meet and join forces, making a group of nine scientists to do an intensive survey of the islands on the Rongelap stell.

It was further agreed that specimens and samples would be collected by the joint team, as per the request of the Atomic Energy Commission, these specimens to be ferwarded to the New York Operations Office and to the University of Washington Applied Fisheries Laboratory as designated; in addition the joint team would collect such samples as NRDL might require for its own purposes; that the Atomic Energy Commission would defray the expenses of providing the four MRDL personnel for the joint team; that OMC would be requested to provide legistic support for the group; that Dr. Demaldson's group be supported as in the past, but that the Atomic Energy Commission was not to be asked to defray the cost of scientific and laboratory studies which MRDL might choose to pursue on material collected by this expedition.

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A new proposal based on the Outober 25, 1954, discussions at Munter's Point will soon be submitted by MRIL, superseding the July 6, 1954, proposal, a copy of which was emalesed with your memorandum of September 22, 1954. It is expected that the proposal will request the AEC to defray the expenses of the studies and collections in the Pacific, including four or five MRIL personnel, but exclusive of subsequent imboratory analyses at MRIL. The proposal mecessarily will be conditioned on logistic support from the Chief of Maval Operations. It will be appreciated if your office will alart the Chief of Maval Operations of the general logistic requirement pending receipt of a specific request.

The Atomic Energy Commission will advise your office of the results of the studies and of our recommendations concerning the re-eccupation of the affected stells.

Sincerely yours,

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